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It is up to Tucumcari and Grady.

Letters received here this week from the promoters and financial agents of the Tucumcari to Midland railroad, commonly called here the north and south road, indicate that the only obstacle now in the way of proceeding with the proposition is the failure of Tucumcari and Grady to accept the plan agreed upon by the other towns along the proposed route. It is intimated that unless the towns of Tucumcari and Grady make a definite decision soon, that it is possible that the plans may be changed and independent town-sites established on the upper plains and at a connection with the Dawson railroad somewhere northeast of Tucumcari. One of the engineers writes one of our railroad committee to the effect that the Chicago people are ready to sign up the contracts and make the required securities and that the bondholders in Trenton New Jersey are also ready and willing to finance the project, providing everything is satisfactorily arranged at an early date.

As the matter stands at present, it is squarely up to our northern neighbors.

Masons Elect Officers.

At the regular meeting of Clovis lodge, No. 44 A. F. & A. M., last Tuesday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. C. E. Justus, W. M. Preston La Sheir, S. W. R. L. Pryor, J. W. Wallace Carmack, Treas. A. J. Whiting, Sec'y. Oscar Justus, Tyler.

The Master elect has not yet named his appointive officers.

The Alfalfa Lumber Company recently installed an 18 foot farebanks scale, of which their manager, W. B. Cramer, is very proud. This was made necessary in order to weigh the large foreign farm wagons that come in from the country.

J. H. Shepard, editor of the Portales Herald, who is a real live Portales valley booster, was in the city Monday en route home from Texico, where he occupied the pulpit Sunday.

Adjutant General, Herring, was in the city Monday on a tour of inspection of the companies of the State guard. Company "K" of Clovis entertained him during his visit in Clovis.

The agents for the Reynolds addition company, who have been selling addition property in Clovis, have met with some success, having sold several choice lots to Clovis citizens.

"DAD" Carleton, the pioneer Santa Fe engineer, who now has an all daylight passenger run from Amarillo to Sweetwater and return, was in the city Sunday, visiting his family.

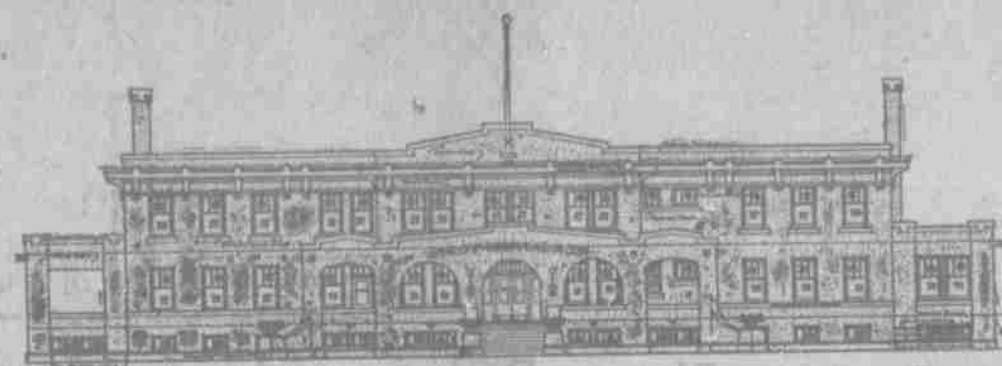
Catholic Services

High mass at midnight Christmas eve and two masses Christmas day, at 6 a. m. and 9 a. m.

CHRISTMAS



Here's health to you, and glee to you, and merriest Christmas cheer; and may the New Year be to you your brightest, happiest year.



The concrete work on the new Santa Fe hospital at Clovis is finished and the brick work is now being rushed to completion. Mr. F. B. McKinnell, of Wichita, the man who is looking after the interests of the hospital association informs us that it will be equipped with the most modern improvements and arranged according to the very latest ideas in hospital construction.

The Santa Fe magazine, in a recent issue had the following data regarding the new hospital: "Employees of the Santa Fe located in the vicinity of Clovis are soon to have one of the most modern hospitals in that section of the country, both in method of construction and in equipment."

Messrs. Kouns, McGoff, Thomas and Butterfield, members of the board of trustees of

the A. T. & S. F. Hospital Association, accompanied by Chief Surgeon Kaster and Chief Engineer Bisbee made a special trip to Clovis recently for the purpose of going over the plans and the proposed site of the building.

The association has acquired a block of ground situated in the western part of the city, upon which the building will be erected, fronting east, at a distance of approximately seventy five feet from the east and south lines of the property.

The board, accompanied by representatives of the city of Clovis, the building contractor and a number of employees, visited the site, where the plans and location of the building, having been agreed upon, a simple, but impressive ceremony took place. Ground was broken and the proposed build-

ing was dedicated in appropriate addresses by Chief Surgeon Kaster, Chief Engineer Bisbee and Trustee Thomas, all of whom expressed great satisfaction in the general layout of the building and in its location, together with the desire that work be commenced with the least possible delay and pushed through to completion.

The building, which is of very attractive design, will be two stories with basement, constructed of reinforced concrete with pebble-dash exterior finish, electric lighting, hot water heating system, refrigerating system, with all other accessories and equipment necessary in an up-to-date hospital, one of which the city of Clovis as well as all Santa Fe men may well be proud.

BANQUET FOR THE GOOD ROADS BOOSTERS

Curry County Auto Highway Association Will Entertain Delegates from Other Similar Organizations at Spread at Antlers Saturday Night.

The delegates from the Panhandle and New Mexico towns located on the Ocean to Ocean highway will meet at Clovis on Saturday, December 20 for the purpose of organizing and consolidating or co-operative highway association and to perfect the plans and make arrangements to get the ocean to ocean highway in shape for the 1914 auto traffic to the pacific coast and intermediate points.

Clovis is located on this branch of the highway, which will run from Amarillo to Albuquerque, which route will be logged and listed in the 1914 blue book, which is to the overland traveler what the commercial agencies are to the wholesale dealer. An accurate guide and marked route, giving full and accurate information.

After the meeting the visitors

and members of the associations and commercial club will be tendered a banquet at the Antlers hotel on Grand Avenue. As the seating capacity of the dining room is limited to sixty and over half that number have paid their dues and the price for the plate, those desiring reservations should notify the committee at once.

Governor McDonald Here

Governor W. C. McDonald was in the city Monday and addressed the City High School children Monday morning and left on the noon train for Portales.

An impromptu reception was held at the office of C. E. Dennis Monday morning and many of the citizens appeared to greet the Governor. With Governor McDonald was Adjutant General Herring.

Practically every line of business in Clovis has some protection from the outside intruder except the printer. Ordinances have recently been passed by the city council preventing clothing peddlers and order book solicitors from selling their goods without first obtaining a license. Similar ordinances also apply to the farmer selling chickens, produce meat etc., for commercial purposes, in this manner protecting the groceryman and butcher, who pays the occupation license and dozens of other expenses to maintain the city government and do business, but the printer who also pays license to help boost the city is in no manner protected from the outside intruder, who sells printed stationary, calendars and gets up all kinds of advertising schemes such as lodge, hotel and railroad directories. In the sense of justice and fair play, it is now up to the board of alderman to protect the printer. In Tucumcari the printer has this protection and furthermore the merchants association must either approve or disapprove of a proposition offered by an outsider before he can do any business with them, even if he obtains a license. This acts as both a protection to the merchant and the printer.

Who is the Oldest Homesteader in Curry Co.

Who is the oldest homesteader in Curry County has been repeatedly asked, but not until a few days ago has any one claimed title to that honor. Mrs. Fernetty F. Tracy, hail and hardy at 91, we believe claims the undisputed title of being the oldest homesteader in Curry county. A few days ago she appeared at the office of U. S. Commissioner Curren and submitted final five year proof for 320 acres of land lying northwest of Clovis, her eyes sparkling with life as she attached her signature, in a distinctly legible hand, to the papers, which will, in all probability, convey to her 320 A. of Uncle Sam's public domain.

Police Court Affairs

After a long period of dullness and as the court might term it—disagreeably peaceable times, the stillness has been broken and the last few days witnessed scenes of renewed activity before Justice Noble. His honor was aroused from his slumbers for an early morning session Monday at about 5 a. m., when eight captives caught in a raid in the soiled dove district by officers Frank Ivy and Bill Bailey where hailed before the court charged with establishing residence in the district for a period of over six months. The early morning hour was decided upon as best to make the haul and the nets were arranged accordingly. Each was assessed \$9.50.

Sam Byers of Portales was arrested Monday, charged with assault with a deadly weapon on the person of W. S. Sexton. The assault is alleged to have taken place in the same district as that previously mentioned, when the assailant wielded a bottle over the head of his victim, inflicting dangerous wounds. He was released on \$750.00 bond to appear at a preliminary trial Monday.

A. D. Rhodes, alias Muddy Rhodes was released from the charge of grand larceny Monday in a trial before Justice Noble. It is alleged that Rhodes, who was in partnership with W. E. Marsh in the hog business, had appropriated certain of the animals to his own use without due process of equity or law. Assistant district attorney, Jim Hall, who was here in the case instructed the court to release Mr. Rhodes of the charge.

Did You Learn

Why John Barry recently lost a lady customer?

Why the Governor failed to meet the factional Curry County politicians?

The amount of your taxes—well, cheer up the worst is yet to come.

That early Christmas is best for both customer and dealer?

That Clovis is the biggest turkey market in the state. Wouldn't that Gobble you?

Alex Shipley went to El Paso on business, Sunday.